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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN DECISION ON IEA PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

REFS: A. USOECD PARIS 7485

B. OSLO 1353

C. STATE 77648

1. NORWAY HAS EVERY INTENTION OF ADHERING TO IEA
PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SOURCES. AMBASSADOR
RAVNE TOLD E/C COUNSELOR NORWAY DID NOT ADHERE DURING
MARCH 19-20 GOVERNING BOARD (GB) MEETING BECAUSE (A)
THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PROGRAM UNDER
NORWAY'S AFFILIATION ARRANGEMENTS; (B) IT WOULD LEAVE
GOVERNMENT OPEN TO CRITICISMDURINGPARLIAMENTARY CON-
SIDERATION OF IEA AFFILIATION FOR HAVING BOUND NORWAY TO
IEA OBLIGATIONS EVEN BEFORE PARLIAMENT HAD APPROVED
AFFILIATION; (C) LACK OF CLARIFICATION OF NUMBER OF QUES-
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TIONS SUCH AS FLOOR PRICE CONCEPT AND MEANING OF IMPORTED

OIL(SEE ALSO PARA. ONE OF OSLO 1353) WOULD HAVE REQUIRED ADHERENCE WITH RESERVATIONS.

2. RE (C) ABOVE, RAVNE NOTED THAT DENMARK, UK, CANADA AND OTHERS HAD ADHERED TO PROGRAM WITH SIGNIFICANT AND OFTEN CONFLICTING RESERVATIONS AND THAT HE FELT IT MORE CONSTRUCTIVE NOT REPEAT NOT UNNECESSARILY TO ADD TO THE PROBLEMS THIS CREATED. NORWAY WOULD PARTICIPATE POSITIVELY IN ALL PROJECTS AND IN WORKING OUT DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM IN THE STANDING GROUP ON LONG-TERM COOPERATION AND WOULD ADHERE TO THE PROGRAM AS SOON AS ACCEPTABLE CLARIFICATIONS WERE WORKED OUT.

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